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natural resource

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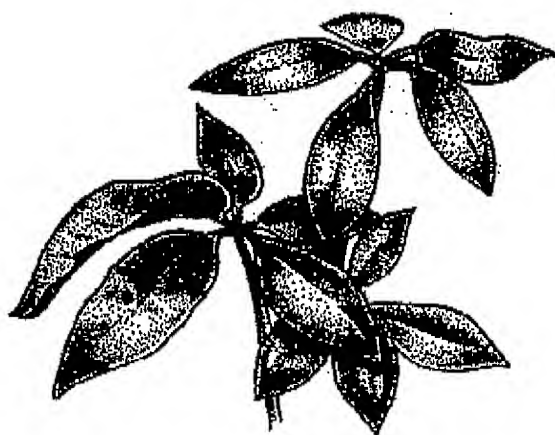
natural rubber *Materials.* the raw gum material from the rubber tree.

rubber plant

1888

rubber plant *Botany.* 1. a plant, *Ficus elastica*, of the family Moraceae, having oblong shiny leaves; native to southern Asia, where it serves as a source of rubber; cultivated elsewhere as an ornamental houseplant. 2. any of various plants that resemble *Ficus elastica* or serve as a source of India rubber or caoutchouc.

rubber tree *Botany.* any of various trees that yield latex used in the production of rubber, especially *Hevea brasiliensis* of the family Euphorbiaceae, a South American tree that is the most important commercial source of rubber-producing latex.



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